

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 133

By McNally

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Jessica Mitchum on being named a Distinguished Finalist for the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Mitchum, an esteemed resident of Lenoir City and a junior at Concord Christian School, has been selected as a Distinguished Finalist for the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the program's goals are to applaud young people who are already making a positive difference in their towns and neighborhoods, and to inspire others to think about how they might contribute to their communities; over the past seventeen years, more than 345,000 young Americans have participated in the program, and more than 100,000 of them have been officially recognized for their volunteer efforts; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished Finalist in the program, Jessica Mitchum was chosen in response to her dedication to her Girl Scout troop and it's "Water Angels" project; which collects and distributes bottled water to the homeless and hungry; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with "Water Angels", Jessica also volunteers at her church's Sunday school by teaching lessons and coordinating service projects, such as

distributing 843 backpacks filled with school supplies through the church's Shining Star Club;
and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Ms. Mitchum who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate and honor Jessica Mitchum as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, recognizing her outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extending to her our best wishes for her continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.